

REMARKS

Applicants cancel claims 8-9, 12-16, and 22-23. Claims 1-7, 10-11, 17-21, and 24-25 remain pending in the application. Claim 25 has been withdrawn from consideration, and Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed thereto. Applicants amend claims 1, 11, and 18 to incorporate the features of canceled claims 8-9, 12-16, and 22-23, respectively, and amend claims 10, 17, and 24 to maintain proper dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 8-11, 15-18 and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,405,064 to Endo et al.; and claims 4-7, 12-14 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Endo et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0204189 to Guetre et al. Applicants cancel claims 8-9, 12-16, and 22-23 and incorporate their respective features in base claims 1, 11, and 18. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

The Examiner relied upon the description in Endo et al. of a housing 13 that includes a built-in antenna feeding circuit connected to an antenna unit 14, which is extendible from an antenna support 16, as alleged disclosure of the claimed second housing. Col. 6, lines 43-48 of Endo et al. Endo et al. do not disclose, however, a fixing part that fixes either the housing 13 or the antenna support 16 to the housing 1A when housing 13 is in the position illustrated in Fig. 14 of Endo et al. Indeed, Endo et al. merely describe moving housing 13 between the position illustrated in Fig. 14 thereof and the spread position illustrated in Fig. 15 thereof, and do not disclose any mechanism for applying force to keep housing 13 in one position or another. Correspondingly, Endo et al. do not disclose or suggest a fixing part for fixing housing 13 in the other position against the applied force. And thus, Endo et al. do not disclose or suggest the

mechanism flipping the housing 13 from the fixed position to the forced position. In other words, Endo et al., as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, fail to disclose

“a speaker that outputs sounds;
a first housing that accommodates said speaker;
an antenna part that communicates with an external
apparatus;
a second housing coupled to said first housing and foldable
relative to said first housing, said second housing accommodating
said antenna part; and
a mechanism that flips said second housing,
wherein said second housing is coupled rotatably to said
first housing, and
wherein said mechanism includes:
a forcing part that applies a force to said second housing so
as to keep said second housing from said first housing;
a fixing part that fixes said second housing onto said first
housing; and
a moving part movable between first and second positions,
and forced to return from the second position to the first position,
said moving part when located at the second position, releasing a
fixation of said second housing by said fixing part, and said
moving part when located at the first position, enabling said fixing
part to fix said second housing,” as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis
added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, together with claims 2-3 and 10 dependent therefrom, is patentable over Endo et al. for at least the foregoing reasons. Claim 18 includes features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above and is, therefore, together with claim 24 dependent therefrom, patentable over Endo et al. for at least the same reasons. The Examiner relied upon Guetre et al. as a combining reference for specifically addressing the additional features recited in claims 4-7, 12-14, and 19-21. As such, even assuming, arguendo, that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the claimed invention was made to combine Endo et al. and Guetre et al., such a combination would still fail to overcome the above-described deficiency of Endo et al. with respect to claim 1. Thus, claims 4-7, which depend from claim 1, and claims 19-21, which depend from claim 18, are patentable over Endo

et al. and Guetre et al., separately and in combination, for at least the foregoing reasons.

Applicants cancel claims 12-14 and incorporate the features recited therein to claim 11. And claim 11 incorporates features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above. As such, claim 11, together with claim 17 dependent therefrom, is patentable over the cited references for at least the above-stated reasons.

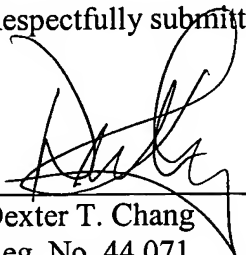
The above statements on the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference that provide the basis for a view contrary to any of the above-stated opinions.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's implicit finding that the additional references made of record, but not applied, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable, whether these references are considered alone or in combination with others.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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